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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FULBRIGHT-HAYS VISITING LECTURERS FOR
LEBANON FOR 1976-77 ACADEMIC YEAR

POST WISHES SUBMIT REQUEST FOR U.S. LECTURERS FOR
LEBANON FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1976-77 IN FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. ONE U.S. LECTURER IN MASS COMMUNICATION FOR HALF
TIME SLOTS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT (AUB) AND
BEIRUT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (BUC). COST SHARED AMONG
CU/AUB/BUC. THOUGH BOTH AUB AND BUC HAVE FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS DUE TO PRESENT SITUATION IN COUNTRY, THEY
HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY
\$4000 EACH TOWARDS GRANT COST OF U.S. LECTURER.

(A) AUB EXPECTS CONTINUE OFFERING GRADUATE COURSES
WITH MAJOR IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS. THEREFORE FEELS
PRESENCE OF U.S. LECTURER, EVEN ON A PART TIME BASIS,
WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFECTIVENESS
AND ALLOW DEPARTMENT CONTINUE FULL SCALE PROGRAM.
U.S. LECTURER WILL BE EXPECTED TEACH TWO COURSES.

(B) BUC HAS SMALLER PROGRAM IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS
AND DRAMA (10 COURSES). HOWEVER BUC IS SERIOUSLY
INVOLVED IN STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION
WITH EMPHASIS ON RADIO/TV OVER NEXT FEW YEARS WITH
OBJECT OF ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE DIVISION OR
DEPARTMENT IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS. POST IS CONVINCED
SHARING ONE U.S. LECTURER BETWEEN THESE TWO WELL

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ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS WILL AID IN COORDINATING

OBJECTIVE OF TWO INSTITUTIONS, WHICH IS TO
PREPARE QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS IN FIELDS OF JOURNALISM
AND RADIO/TV FOR MIDEAST AREA.

2. U.S. LECURER IN AMSTUDIES FOR FACULTY OF ARTS
AND LETTERS AT LEBANESE UNIVERSITY. DUE PRESENT SITUATION
AT LNU, POST UNABLE AT THIS TIME SUBMIT DETAILS OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN LNU AND POST ON COST SHARING OF U.S.
LECTURER FOR LNU. HOWEVER, TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF
AMSTUDIES PROGRAM AT LNU, POST RECOMMENDS EFFORTS
BE MADE TO SECURE SERVICES OF U.S. LECTURER IN
TEFL/AMSTUDIES FOR LNU. POST MOST ANXIOUS PROVIDE
LNU WITH AT LEAST ONE U.S. LECTURER FOR 1967-77 A/Y.
RALPH SETIAN, U.S. LECTURER IN TEFL/AMSTUDIES AT
LNU FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 1974-75 AND 1975-76, AND
TRANSFERRED TO SYRIA FOR 1976 TERM, HAS INFORMED POST
OF HIS INTEREST IN RETURNING TO LNU FOR 1976-77 A/Y.
POST IS AWARE THAT RENEWAL OF HIS GRANT FOR THIRD
CONSECUTIVE YEAR COULD POSE PROBLEM IN LIGHT CIES
REGULATIONS. IN VIEW SETIAN'S FAMILIARITY WITH LNU
WORKING PROCEDURES AND FACT THAT HE AND DEPT WERE
INSTRUMENTAL IN PREPARING NEW PROGRAM FOR LNU
ENGLISH DEPT, CU/CIES MAY WISH MAKE EXCEPTION IN HIS
CASE. SETIAN IS RESPECTED BY HIS LNU COLLEAGUES AND
CHAIRMAN AND IS CONSIDERED BEST QUALIFIED PERSON TO
CARRY OUT NEWLY DEVELOPED PROGRAM AT LNU.

3. EARLY RESPONSE TO POST REQUEST WOULD BE MOST
APPRECIATED.
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